WASHINGTON – President George W. Bush invited U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL) to join him for the signing of the Sudan Peace Act into law at the White House today.

Bachus worked to craft a compromise version of the bill designed to bring pressure on the Islamic government of Sudan, which is responsible for a 19-year long war against Christians and other religious minorities in the southern part of that African nation.

"Today users in a new policy for stopping the genocide in Sudan that has killed two million human beings," said Bachus. "On September 11, we lost 3,000 of our fellow citizens in the terror attacks. Imagine September 11 happening 666 times. That is what the people of southern Sudan have endured for the last 19 years. Every day is September 11 for the. With this new law, we can hold the brutal Khartoum regine accountable if the bloodshid does not stop.

"This bill may be about sudan, but it is in America's best interests. It is an invaluable tool in stopping the terrorist supporting regime of Sudan which hosted Osama bin Laden and is the birthplace of Al Qaeda," Bachus added.

The bill signing ceremony will take place in the Roosevelt Room of the White House at 2 p.m. today.